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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN VISITS CHINA AND NORTH VIETNAM

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN ENDED A 10- DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA AND ARRIVED IN HANOI JUNE 7 FOR FIRST VISIT OF A SWEDISH CABINET OFFICER - AND FIRST VISIT BY ANY WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTER - TO NORTH VIETNAM. PRESS REPORTS EICKMAN GOT WARM WELCOME IN HANOI AND WILL SIGN \$70 MILLION RECONSTRUCTION AID AGREEMENT JUNE 9. IN CHINA WICKMAN SAW CHOU EN- LAI, FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG- FEI AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND TOURED PROVINCES. WICKMAN TOLD SWEDISH RADIO INTERVIEWER CHINESE LEADERS STRESSED MENACE OF SOVIET UNION AND WARNED SOVIET DENTENTE POLICY IN EUROPE WAS SHAM, BODING ILL FOR CHINA. CHI REPORTEDLY ADVISED SWEDES TO REPAIR RELATIONS WITH U. S. END SUMMARY.

1. WICKMAN ENDED 10- DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA JUNE 7 WHICH  
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BEGAN IN PEKING AND CONCLUDED WITH TOUR OF COUNTRY, INCLUDING STOPS IN SHANGHAI, NANNING, MAO' S BIRTHPLACE SHAO- SHAN AND OTHER CITIES. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTED WICKMAN CONFERRED WITH CHOU EN- LAI 75 MINUTES AND THEREAFTER SIGNED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG- FEI A CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT WHICH OPENS WAY FOR SAS OPENING SERVICE TO PEKING. WICKMAN MET AT LEAST TWICE WITH CHI. WICKMAN SUFFERED STOMACH UPSET AFTER MAY 30 PEKING BANQUET, AND MFA STATE SECRETARY ASTROM HAD TO TAKE OVER HIS APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PAI HSIANG- KUO MAY 31.

2. REPORTING OF SWEDISH PRESS ACCOMPANYING WICKMAN HAS BEEN RATHER THIN SO FAR. FOLLOWING ARE GLEANINGS OF INTERESTING DATA FILED BY PRESS.

3. SWEDISH NEWS AGENCY TT QUOTED SWEDISH SOURCES AS SAYING FOREIGN MINISTER CHI HAD EXPRESSED HOPE TO WICKMAN " THAT SWEDEN' S DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITH U. S. CAN BE SET ASIDE." SWEDISH REPORTERS, MEETING CHOU JUST BEFORE HE RECEIVED WICKMAN, ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT CHILLY U. S.- SWEDISH RELTATIONS. THEY QUOTED CHOU AS REPLYING: " THAT' S A QUESTION FOR YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT SWEDEN' S ATTITUDE TOWARD INDOCHINA HAS BEEN A FAIR ONE."

4. DAGENS NYHETER CORRESPONDENT SAID CHOU IN TALK WITH WICKMAN DISCUSSED SINO- SOVIET BORDER CONFLICT AT LENGTH AND SAID HE FELT SOVIETS NO LONGER ADHERE TO AGREEMENT HE REACHED WITH KOSYGIN AT PEKING AIRPORT SEPTEMBER, 1969. CHOU ALLEGEDLY SAID: " I SUPPOSE OTHER RUSSIANS REJECTED KOSYGIN' S AND MY AGREEMENT."

5. DAGESN NYHETER CORRESPONDENT SAID CHINESE INVITED SIHANOUK' S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VAN PINY TO OFFICIAL BANQUET WITHOUT CONSULTING SWEDES. CORRESPONDENT SAID HE LEARNED THIS WAS CAMBODIAN INITIATIVE - IT  
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